

# Waggin' Tales

"A well trained dog is a happy dog"

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Awards Dinner.....  
Heather King  
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Sunshine.....  
Linda Gustafson  
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Heather King

## Dates to Remember

Mar.- 3/16 Tracking test  
Apr.- 4/2 Board meeting  
4/15 Training  
change  
4/28 Waggin' Tales  
deadline

**Membership Meeting  
Minutes  
December 26, 1996**

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 p.m.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

**LET THE CHRISTMAS PARTY BEGIN!!!!**

A wonderful time was had by all the participants. There were many opportunities by everyone to laugh and enjoy themselves. The games were organized well and participated by many. The pictures with Santa Claus, aka Bob Reese, will bring smiles for many years to come. Thanks to Cindy Pakenas, Drew Graham and Wally O'Brien for the organizing and running the games. And to anyone else that I have forgotten, Thank You and I apologize for not mentioning you personally.

**Membership Meeting  
Highlights  
January 8, 1997**

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 p.m.

The November Meeting Minutes were approved as published. The December Meeting Minutes approved as read. Several items of correspondence read.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) is seeking any ideas for meeting programs. Sought the opinions of club members to determine what would be a reasonable time length for any individuals asked to provide programs at Membership meeting.

Drew Graham (Director of Training) reported that a new session had begun on January 2nd. In addition to the 7:00 and

8:00 classes, a 9:00 Beginner's class is offered. All classes have been filled. We have one puppy and three beginner's classes offered at this time.

Wally O'Brien (Trial Chairperson) thanked everyone again for pulling together for the trial - the trial went very well! Rough estimates are that we lost approximately \$200.00. Final numbers will be available once the last bills have been paid.

Taffy Wille (Membership Chairperson) requested that a motion be made to waive the new procedures to allow for the list new applicants. A motion to waive the new procedures made by Ronnie Bizer, seconded by Drew Graham, approved by all. A list of 6 new applications were read, a motion to accept the list as read was made by Bill Clark, seconded by Tracey Mohr and approved by all present. One new member was present at the meeting - Welcome ☺

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) reported that the club has several display boards that are used at demonstrations. These boards are in need of updating. Tracey has asked club members to search for any pictures that they might have, especially those with action. Any one submitting a picture, should put the following information on the back of the photo: a) Your name, b) Dog's name, c) What is happening in the picture.

Tracey also announced that the Beacon was doing a feature article on the club. The photographer was at training several weeks ago. Anyone that sees the article is asked to save a copy and let Tracey know.

Linda Benson (Match Steward Chairperson) announced that Judges have been selected for the

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Correction Clinic on January 17th. Stewards are still needed.

Taffy Wille (Statistician Chairperson) announced that nominations are still being accepted for the Outstanding Service Award. The nominations will be reviewed at the February Board meeting.

Ronnie Bizer reported for the Awards Dinner Committee that a meeting will be held at 12:00 on Sunday, January 12th at her house. Members that have elected to receive pictures have been asked to wait until Monday to make any appointments.

It was announced that flowers had been sent to Linda Gustafson (Sunshine Chairperson) for the loss of her husband. A Thank You note will be sent to Bob Reese for being our Santa Claus at the Christmas party.

Gail O'Brien (Tracking Secretary) reported that the next Tracking test will be on March 17th at Burnidge Forest Preserve. Four T tracks and four TX tracks will be run.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

The Winner of \$12.00 is Barb Erskine was drawn by Kelsey Kovacevich.

### Old Business

Trudi Kimm announced that the "New" Building Committee is still investigating other training sites. She is currently having problems with her home phone - if you receive a message that the number is out of service, you can try calling her cell phone number (312) 990-4258.

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#### New Business

Taffy Wille announced that club member Dick Ebeling has donated some trophies and several small jumps to the club.

In order to receive feedback from the beginner's classes students, an evaluation form will be created. Tracey Mohr and Carolyn Pearson will work together to create this new form.

- Anyone interested in taking over for Doris Kniep as the Class Coordinator is asked to see any Board member. Doris is ready to take a break from this position. Thank you for ALL of you hard work Doris!!
- Explanation of New Class Refund Policy. (reprinted from the December 4th Board Meeting Minutes)

#### Class Refund Policy:

- The current policy states that "No refunds will be given after the first class". That policy will still be followed, however the point of contact for the request will change from Doris Kniep to the instructor of the class. It is hoped that this minor change will have the following advantages:
  - Allow the instructor to get more information regarding the reason WHY the student wishes to stop taking the class.
  - Remove some of the burden from Doris for handling these calls,

which are in addition to the calls she currently gets requesting class information.

- Expedite the process to allow for quicker refunds for those requesting them.
- Prior to the start of the next session of classes, instructors will be asked to announce on the first night of class that any requests for refunds be directed to the instructors. Requests for refunds should be not be filtered through Doris Kniep.
- In order to encourage the students to contact their instructors, Taffy Wille suggested that "business" cards be created for the students. The cards would contain the instructor and assistant's name and phone number. The cards would be handed out during the first night of class. Either new cards could be created or the instructors can write the information on the back of the club's preprinted business cards.
- Procedure to receive refund:
  - As of January 1st, only the instructors or the Director of Training will be allowed to request the refund.
  - the instructor will need to provide the student's name, address, method of original payment and amount paid to Penny Legner.

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- Should Doris receive a request, she will refer the student back to their instructor.

#### NSF Checks

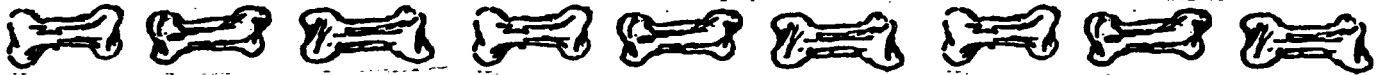
- Once a check has "bounced", the individual will be approached by the President, the Treasurer or the Director of Training. The instructors only role is to indicate who is the student.

#### Voting of 1997 Board Members

The slate of officers were read as published in the Waggin' Tales. Nominations were opened from the floor. Kay Weber nominated Wally O'Brien for President. Howard Bernier moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and approved by all. All other positions were as listed in the slate. Ballots were counted and the results were announced. The final outcome is printed in the Waggin' Tales.

Wally O'Brien turned over the "presidential gavel" to the new president - Drew Graham. Drew thanked Wally for a fine job as the former President.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



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### OLD BONES

Sally Compton

from *Waggin' Tales*

March 1987

Awards Dinner - 2/12/87

#### Companion Dogs:

Ruth Anderson

Bloodhound - George

Pat Brown

Toy Poodle - Onyx

Nancy Einwich

Golden - Jessie

Ed Herdes

Gordon Setter - Oscar

Lou Riemenschneider

Golden - Ellie

Terry Sidell

Standard Poodle - ToBe

Mal Sledden

Elkhound - Raider

Heidy Terlizzi

Poodle - Terry

Poodle - Ty

#### Companion Dog Excellent:

Coleen Newman

Golden - Kenna

Jim Newman

Golden - Bailey

Mary Lou Orzey

Golden - Chip

Mary Russell

GSD - Thunder

Joyce Waldeck

Husky - Sierra

### OLD BONES (con't)

#### Utility Dog:

Sally Compton

Rottweiler - Willie

Mary Lou Orzey

Golden - Chip

#### Tracking Dog:

Alice Larson

GSD - Dazzler

#### TDX:

Ruth Anderson

Bloodhound - Slipper

#### OTCH

Bonnie Barry

Border Collie - Duz

Dick Kallal

Standard Poodle - Monte

#### Champion of Record

Ruth Anderson

Bloodhound - George

Mary Bradley

Sheltie - Cory

Denise Schiele

Eng. Cocker - Jack

#### Canadian Companion Dog:

Edith Blase

Poodle - Mistie

Nancy Einwich

Golden - Jessie

Terry Sidell

Poodle - ToBe

Mal Sledden

Elkhound - Raider

### OLD BONES (con't)

#### Dog World Awards:

Nancy Einwich

Golden - Jessie

Sharon Kaptina

Sheltie - Smokey

Colleen Newman

Golden - Kenna

Jim Newman

Golden - Bailey

Brenda Rivera

Sheltie - Tamp

#### Hi Average:

Novice: Nancy Einwich - 196.67

Open: Ellen Sidwell - 195.83

Utility: Bonnie Barry - 192

#### Heather Memorial Trophy:

Lou Riemenschneider

195.5, 195.5, 195

#### Tally Memorial Trophy:

Bonnie Barry

198.5, 198.5, 199

#### Debbie Orr Memorial Trophy:

Ruth Anderson

#### Dorothy Dimond Memorial Trophy:

Nancy Einwich

#### Special Recognition:

Judy Anderson

Tigger and Rascal

Sally Compton

Wille - International  
Therapy Dog

## From the Editor

I just got done spending one of several frigid Sunday afternoons looking through some old *Waggin' Tales* that Sally Compton lent me. It was really very interesting reading - before I knew it, several hours passed. It seems that over the years the club has struggled with some of the same issues over and over. I was surprised to read that training was not always on Thurs. and not always at the Fairgrounds! In one issue, they talked about having to raise the dues - from \$6.00 per year! I found a column written in the '60's about "ancient news" from the '40's! I am including a portion of that in this issue. I think you'll enjoy it! I also found several treat recipes and some other interesting articles that I will include from time to time.

### BLASTO

I know some of you have been talking about Blasto in the last several months. You may have heard about Steve Pool's dog, who did recover, or the several cases (mostly fatal) that were reported in the Northern Suburbs this past Fall. I also found a *Waggin' Tales* article on Blasto that was submitted in 1986 by Ginny Cushna. It was about a dog, FC-AFC Candlewood's Magnum Force (4/21/82-10/20/86), who did not survive. I have included a current article on Blasto in this issue regarding treatments and early symptoms.

### CABIN FEVER, ANYONE?

I don't know how it is at your house, but at mine we all seem to have cabin fever. I can't wait for winter to be over (as long as we can skip the mud!). I think my dogs would be happy to have all the yelling stop too - of course they don't realize they are the source! Do you ever have one of those days where you just have to leave the house? We seem to

have all the little incidents followed by the proverbial "straw".

Recently my pups have been having a lot of those "little" incidents. They are 7 months old now and into a "monster" phase (I hope it's a phase!). Echo seems to think he is part super dog, part mountain goat. He likes to leap tall objects with a single bound, if he still can't reach the object of his desire, he climbs higher. He makes me laugh, since he springs straight up and then somehow seems to levitate over. I never know where I might find him when I enter a room - on top of crates, tables, anywhere! Occasionally he thinks I am that tall object - especially when I am reading the paper. A 60+ pound puppy leaping unexpectedly into your lap is not entirely fun! I should have seen this coming - this is the pup that at 9 weeks cleared a 3ft baby gate in what looked like a single bound. Then he trotted into the family room, plopped onto a cushion amidst the older dogs and gave me a look like "I am *NOT* hanging out with those babies anymore." With Baker's help they seem to be a search and destroy team. Baker cruises through life with the grace of an elephant knocking over everything in his path. Currently he seems to be reliving a previous life as a rat - the kind they use for those maze tests. Shortly after the pups were allowed to be in house, they discovered all the dog food containers. One of those containers is that bin that you fill from the top and has a handle which lets you dispense food from the bottom. Within a day or two, I was sitting in another room when I heard a suspicious "*whoosh*". I found Echo sitting in 20 lb of dog food. Both he and Baker looked like they had hit the Lotto. Of course it was the prescription dog food they dumped - at \$30 a bag! I put

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a pin in the handle to keep them from pulling it, however Baker discovered that if he pushed it back and forth repeatedly there was enough play that every so often he could get *one* piece of food out. He would spend his whole life playing that game - if the noise didn't make me crazy!

Then there is their mom, India, from whom I am sure they inherited all their mischief. India has this dietary deficiency which requires her to eat plastic on a regular basis. Although she will chew any plastic into tiny pieces, she prefers soft plastic - like margarine tubs. Luckily I keep a supply of empty containers on hand. Every so often she will venture into the basement to see if she can find one she can reach. (Of course this is the same basement that is *WAY* to scary to venture into when I want her to work.) Recently the plastic craving hit her and she apparently could not find anything to her liking. So she took a half full gallon plastic water jug off the counter. She carried it into the bedroom - the only room in the house with wall to wall carpeting. She set the jug on it's side and proceeded to chew holes all along the top side of the jug - without spilling one drop! Sometimes I am so amazed by her antics I forget to yell!

The most recent "final straw" involved all the dogs. They have a ritual they perform every so often - a safari. Rabbit safaris are always headed by India and mole safaris are always headed by GoFer (she must not know her name is GoFer not Gopher!) This happened one Sat. afternoon while I was making dog treats. Now everyone knows that it is a dog law that all dogs must be in the kitchen whenever food preparation is going on. So I was surprised to look down and only see two dogs. I went outside and saw that they were on a safari. GoFer will follow the

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mole tunnels, nose to the ground, until she comes upon a mole in the tunnel. Then she digs furiously until she reaches the mole, then flips it across the yard with one swift movement. Now the fun begins. They play a canine version of football, passing and throwing the mole, occasionally running for a "touchdown". Usually the game ends when they get bored or when the mole gets away. This time the mole was not a happy camper (he probably had to play this game before) Anyway, I saw that one time when he hit the ground instead of trying to make a run for it, he stood there snarling and hissing. Just then Echo decided it was his turn and he ran to get the mole. The mole jumped up and grabbed onto Echo's lip. Echo thought he finally caught the mole and pranced around the yard with the mole hanging on. There is no way to stop this game until they get bored, so I went in to finish the baking. A while later Baker came in and he was *so* happy - he had the mole (being at the bottom of the pack the pups rarely get the "football")! I realized why they let him have the mole - it was no longer alive. But Baker wasn't giving up the prize. I got him away from the other dogs, but there was no way I was prying that thing out of his mouth. I decided to bribe him. I got the treat container, I shook it, I said "Want a treat?". I figured he's drop the mole for the treat and I'd grab him. You could see the wheels turning - "mole or treat?"; "mole or treat?". Then a light went on, I could see it in his eyes, he made the decision. *Chomp, chomp, swallow. Mole AND treat!*

It was time for me to go shopping!

**WHO'S NEWS? LEGS****From Sunny Innis:**

Jocko got his **U.D.** at the Christmas cluster (six shows). He also got his Canadian **T.D.** in October. Congratulations to Sunny and Jocko!

*Who is that Handsome Yellow Fellow on the cover?*



It's Rimar's Sheamus Fitz. He is one of Rick Cox's puppies, a littermate to Amber. The dam is Rick's Benchmark Cream O' Wheat, CD (Lacey) and the sire is Barbara Holl's CH. Tulipwood's Go On Green (Mr. Green). Sheamus is owned by Rita Delory of Estes Park, Co. The pictures which are featured in the 1997 Labrador Retriever appointment calendar published by Browntrout. Sheamus is also featured in Browntrout's full size 12 month calendar. Sheamus is also related to Kent Hildebrand's Pearl (same sire) and is "Uncle Sheamus" to four of my dogs.

**Waggin' Tales AND BRAGS****From Barb Erskine:**

Nissan got his second C.D. leg at Rand Park on Feb. 9th. His score was 181. Congratulations!

**From Tim & Anne White:**

Liza got her second C.D.X. leg at Rand Park on Feb. 9th. Liza also won High Labrador Retriever in Trial and High Labrador Retriever with a Hunt Title. Congratulations!

**From Suzan Scott:**

Jett got his M.X. at Car-Dun-Al on March 1. Jett had a perfect score of 100!

**From Marietta Huber:**

Squiggles and Licorice BOTH got their M.X. at Car-Dun-Al on March 1. Squiggles got scores of 100 on both days and First Place both days. Licorice got a score of 92 and a second place. Marietta is especially proud of Licorice since he is now 12 yr.s old!

*P.S. For those of you unfamiliar with agility, a M.X. is like a U.D.X. - it takes 10 qualifying legs! Congratulations to our Agility Dogs and their handlers!*

**From Penny Breich:**

Rosie got her U.D.X. on February 8, at a Sheltie Specialty. Congratulations to Penny & Rosie!

**From the Editor:**

India got her Novice Agility title at Car-Dun-Al on March 1, with a perfect score and a first place. India had perfect scores and first place with all three legs! I guess she likes Agility!

**Bait Bag**

(bat bag) n. A collection of tidbits.

**E-mail addresses**

Here are some E-mail addresses I received:

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**Thanks** to everyone who has sent me things to print. If you don't see it here this issue, I will use it in future issues.

**CGC TEST**

Is anyone interested in the CGC test? We are tentatively scheduling one for April 24. If you are interested call Cheryl Lewis at (630) 897-4267.

**FOR SALE**

Prong collar for a large dog. 21" open flat. Extra links easy to purchase. Made in Germany. \$10.00

Anne White 630-513-7928

**RECIPES**

I received several recipes in the mail and found several more in old issues of Waggin' Tales. I will print a couple every month. If you try any of these and have comment or revisions you've made, please let me know. My dogs think they should personally taste test every recipe before I print it!

**Cheese Bone Cookies**

2 c. unsifted flour  
1 1/4 c. shredded cheddar cheese  
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1/2 c. vegetable oil  
4-5 T. water

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. Make a cardboard pattern of a dog bone if you don't have a cookie cutter.
3. Combine flour, cheese, garlic and oil in food processor. Whirl until mixture is the consistency of coarse meal. With machine running, slowly add water until mixture forms a ball.
4. Divide dough into 12 equal pieces. Roll out each piece to 1/2". Cut out biscuits. Transfer to ungreased cookie sheet. Do not re-roll scraps.
5. Bake in 400 degree oven for 10-15 minutes, or until bottoms are lightly browned. Transfer to wire rack to cool.
6. Refrigerate in airtight container.

*Ed. Note:* I got several 'versions' of this recipes so I made these biscuits and they were a hit. I used more water than specified and I also patted the dough out onto a cookie sheet then scored it with a pizza cutter into squares before baking. I had to bake them a little longer but they came out great and broke into squares easily.

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I know there are several versions of these 'brownies', I've made a few myself. I've used the most common one. If you have another recipe with a 'secret' ingredient, let me know!

**Liver Brownies**

1 lb. liver, pureed  
3 eggs  
1 c. flour  
1 c. cornmeal  
1 T. garlic powder  
1/4 c. water

Mix all ingredients in food processor. Grease a cookie sheet or 13"x9" pan. Spread mixture in pan - it will be thick and sticky. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Cool and cut into squares. Keep all but a days worth in the freezer.

P.S. Your house will smell horrible when you make these, but your dog will love you!

**New Arrivals!**

Terri Sidell has a new litter of pups that were born on Valentine's Day! The pups are dual ring, cream and silver, raised in a conducive environment and temperament tested. By CH. Jateko Remington Steele x Terrifick Ivorie Tiara, TT,CDX,C-CDX,OFA,CERF,VWD and autoimmune panel negative. Contact Terri at 630-543-8403 or email Terrifick@aol.com

**People in the News:**

The Beacon News reports that Darlene Wiggins has been awarded the Top Producer-1996 award by the First National Bank in DeKalb-Sycamore. Darlene closed \$8 million in real estate loans through Castle Mortgage and \$23 million total real estate loans last year. Congratulations to Darlene!

**Member News:** I received this letter in the mail from Beth Dovi (along with a bunch of stuff - thanks, Beth!) I'm sure of those who remember Beth will be glad to hear from her!

Beth Dovi  
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January 30, 1997

Kay Weber  
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Dear Kay,

I received my Waggin' Tales in the mail the other day and just wanted to drop you a line to say how much I enjoyed it. I like what you've done to "freshen" it up a bit.

I've enclosed a few recipes for dog treats which I've collected over the years. The most recent (Liver Brownies) was provided by the Davis Dog Training Club in a handout given at the puppy kindergarten orientation meeting. We recently got another German Shepherd puppy (named Gunnar) and have begun training with the club. I've been away from training for quite a number of years (our oldest shepherd is 8), so it's nice to get back to it. The facilities aren't as nice as those at Fox Valley—all the training here is done outside in the local park (under a covered area), and the training classes are held on various days so as to accommodate every class. I was sure spoiled at FVDTCI!

I've also enclosed an article that you or the other club members might find interesting—about a couple who rescue greyhounds. I found it to be rather touching.

With regard to E-mail issues, I have an E-mail address which you can add to the book: Bdovi@Juno.com. Incidentally, I just wanted to mention that for anyone who is not "on-line" via an internet provider, there is a free E-mail software package which will allow you to communicate with others (provided that your computer is equipped with modem capabilities). The software is called "Juno", and can be freely shared with anyone who is interested in having a copy. I have enclosed a copy on disk from which you can make additional copies for distribution. It's not a gimmick—it's a legitimate software package which has served me faithfully for about a year now. Several of my family members and friends are now "connected" as a result of it, and we communicate often.

Hope you enjoy the "stuff" and can use some of it in future issues of Waggin' Tales. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

*Beth Dovi*





My first recollection of dogs was when I was 5 years old. We had just moved to a house in the city in Elgin. Our neighbor had a black "hunting" dog that he kept tied to a dog house in his back yard. I remember spending a lot of time with that dog petting him and playing with him. His name was "Duke" and I found out later that he was a Labrador Retriever (surprisingly enough). I asked my parents if I could have a dog of my own, but they refused. As I grew older many of my friends had dogs, but my parents still refused to let me have a dog. When I was in high school I started dating Debbie, a lovely girl that lived at the end of my street. She was lucky enough to have always had a dog. Time passed and we decided to get married. Her mother suggested that maybe after we married we might want custody of "Dexter" the family's 2 year old Schnoodle. Marrying my best friend and having a dog come along with the package, what a good deal! Dexter was a cute little dog but as he grew older he acquired quite a nasty disposition.

Two years after we were married our first son, Jeremy, came along. He and Dexter got along quite well from the beginning and became good friends. When Jeremy was about 4 years old I was offered an opportunity to own a Yellow Labrador. It seems that the president of my company kept a puppy from a litter that his dog sired. When this puppy was about 4 months old his wife gave him an ultimatum. "Either that dog goes or I go". We decided that this energetic little puppy would be a nice addition to the family. After he ate walls, door trim, carpeting, and the front seat of our new car we knew we needed some help. We spoke with a friend of ours, Donna Schmidt, who was a member of Fox Valley Dog Training Club. She offered some pointers and suggested that we enroll in an obedience class at FVDTC. My wife decided that she would take Duke to this obedience class so that hopefully we would be able to live with Mr. Destructo. They graduated from beginner's class in February of 1976. She decided that she rather

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enjoyed dog training and continued training. I would go with her to training and entertain our young son while she trained. By October of that same year Dukes CD certificate arrived in the mail. Debbie continued to train, and I continued to entertain Jeremy. The next year Duke had his CDX, two years later he had his Canadian CD. Debbie was doing so well that I decided that she needed another dog. Duke had turned out to be a great dog in every aspect, we needed another Labrador!

Duke was a great dog but we decided that this time we were going to purchase a dog from a well known breeder, with a good pedigree. At this time Debbie was training with Bud Burge who was a friend of then well known obedience trainer Jack Godsil, founder of Double J kennels and dog supply. We purchased a beautiful little Yellow Lab from Jack. Our timing was a little off as shortly later our second son Justin was born. With 2 children, Debbie decided that raising them was more important than training dogs. As the boys grew she lost interest in resuming dog training.

When our oldest boy, Jeremy, was 12 we acquired a Sheltie puppy. He and "Jessie" quickly formed a special bond. Jeremy started training her at FVDTC in 1986, they earned their CD in 1987.

In 1987 we lost Duke, our first Lab. For Christmas of that same year my wife bought me a female Yellow Labrador and made me promise that I would take it to FVDTC for a basic obedience class. We graduated from beginner's class in September of 1988 and I knew that I really enjoyed dog training. After those years of watching my wife train and show I finally knew what it

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felt like to be in the ring. In 1989, Lacey had aquired a CD. In 1990 my younger son, Justin, decided that he wanted to train Schilling, My wife's 2 year Sheltie. He joined the 4H class at FVDTC that year and showed Schilling at the Fair. Shortly afterwards he lost interest, and Schilling became my project. After working with a Labrador who was disinterested in obedience work, an enthusiastic Sheltie was gratifying. Even though she enjoyed obedience work, Schilling taught me some valuable lessons. She was and still is a great heeling dog, always alert and watching her handler. Our first trial was in 1992 at the Kane county fairgrounds, sponsored by CAR-DUN\_AL. We were showing early in the west building. We started out just fine but shortly after we made our first left turn Schilling left my side and darted to the opposite side of the ring. Boy, was I embarrassed and surprised! What had happened is that she was greeted from a blast of hot air from one of the floor heaters. I learned that day the importance of closely scrutinizing the ring layout before even bringing your

dog into the building. By May of 1993 Schilling earned her CD.

My wife had started breeding Shelties in the mid 1980's and we had also had a couple of litters with my Lab, Lacey. I decided that I really wanted to keep a puppy from Lacey so I bred her for a third time. The result of that breeding was a nice size litter of 7 live puppies. My current training companion, Amber was one of those puppies. We've been training together since 1993, and she won her CD in 1995.

Work and family schedules seem to limit my free time. Someday I'll get serious about getting into Linda's Open class at FVDTC, but unfortunately that's at the same time as the Advanced Beginner's class that Nancy Pedersen and I teach. And for right now I enjoy the people and their dogs (check out all those Labradors) in that class and find it more gratifying to work with them.

My lovely wife and I have 3 children. Jeremy is 23, Justin is 18, and our daughter Kristin is 8. Kristin is the only one in the family that has not had any dog training experience. She loves all dogs and is very good with them. My only concern is that she tends

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to prefer dogs of the opposite color. Currenty, we have 4 dogs; 2 Shelties and 2 Yellow Labradors. I would like to have more, but am limited by my wife's tolerance of those hairy beasts.

I have been employed as a tool (plastic mold) designer at Armin Tool & Mfg in South Elgin for 27 years. Currently I am engineering manager at Armin. I was a member of the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Department as a firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician for 10 years. I was an active adult member of Boy Scout troop 21 in South Elgin for many years as well. I also have been active in many committees in my church.

Besides my dogs, I am an avid aviation enthusiast (inactive pilot), and enjoy shooting with my brother and sons. I have been an active member of Fox Valley Dog Traing Club myself since 1988. I have assisted and taught many Beginner's classes since 1991 and have taught the Advanced Beginer's class for 3 years. I have held 2 board positions during my membership. I would encourage all members to at least assist teaching a class, they might find it as rewarding as I do.

### FOX VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB MATCH SCHEDULE FOR 1997

JANUARY 16 - Cancelled

FEBRUARY 20

MARCH 20

APRIL 21 - DATE CHANGE

MAY 15 - DATE CHANGE

JUNE 19 - SANCTIONED MATCH

JULY - NO MATCH

AUGUST 21

SEPTEMBER 18

OCTOBER 23 - DATE CHANGE

NOVEMBER - NO MATCH

DECEMBER - NO MATCH

**BLASTOMYCOSIS****Introduction**

Blastomycosis is an infection found in dogs, people, and occasionally cats. It is caused by the fungal organism *Blastomyces dermatitidis*, which is found as a mold in the soil or at room temperatures and as a yeast in tissues or at body temperatures. The mold occurs in sandy, acid soils near river valleys or other waterways. Endemic in Ohio, Mississippi, and St. Lawrence river valleys, the Great lakes region, and along the eastern seaboard, veterinarians report blastomycosis more frequently in the fall.

While any dog may contract blastomycosis under the right circumstances, certain populations are at greater risk. These include the hunting and sporting breeds since their use involves exposure to soil in wet areas, and young adult dogs, which are more likely to be used in hunting or field trials than old dogs or pups. For unknown reasons, male dogs are more likely to contract blastomycosis than females. One study found that, while female dogs may have better survival rates with therapy, they are more likely to suffer relapses than males.

So, while all dogs are susceptible to blastomycosis, those at greatest risk for infection are two-to-four year old intact males of hunting or sporting breeds that weigh 50-75 pounds and are exposed to river valleys or lakes during late summer or fall.

**The disease process**

Dogs usually acquire blastomycosis by inhaling the spores from the soil into the lungs, where it induces a self-limiting pulmonary infection. Direct inoculation of the spores into the skin through puncture

wounds may cause local cutaneous infection. By far, the most common form of blastomycosis seen by veterinarians is the generalized or disseminated form, which spreads via the bloodstream or lymphatic system from the lungs to involve the eyes, brain, bone, lymph nodes, urogenital system, skin, and subcutaneous tissues.

The clinical signs of blastomycosis may vary with the target organs affected and may include one or all of the following: anorexia, depression, weight loss, fever (103 degrees or higher) that doesn't respond to antibiotics, coughing, shortness of breath, exercise intolerance, enlarged lymph nodes, eye disease, or skin lesions that drain bloody or purulent material.

**Diagnosis**

Diagnosis of blastomycosis involves finding the yeast organism in samples from draining skin lesions or a lymph node. Chest x-rays and a complete blood count (CBC) are important tests but are not diagnostic by themselves. Serum chemistries are usually within normal limits. Fungal titers confirm the diagnosis and help differentiate blastomycosis from histoplasmosis, a related fungal condition with similar signs and geographic distribution.

About 65 percent of dogs diagnosed with blastomycosis do survive. Because the treatment is long, complicated, and expensive with the potential for serious side effects, some owners elect to euthanize affected pets. In treated dogs, survival rates are approximately 85 percent, with up to 25 percent suffering relapses. Dogs with brain or eye involvement have a worse prognosis, and dogs with poor

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liver or kidney function may not be able to tolerate the necessary medications that must be metabolized by these organs. If an eye is involved, it usually must be removed since eyes don't respond well to therapy and serve as a source of infection.

**Treatment**

For many years, the standard therapy for blastomycosis has been amphotericin B. It is still the best choice for acute, life-threatening illness, and treated dogs show improvement in three to five days. Amphotericin must be given as an intravenous injection, either as a slow IV drip over several hours or as rapid IV bolus injections, one to three times weekly until a maximum cumulative dose is reached. Rapid injections increase the potential for acute drug reactions, and the drug has a toxic effect on kidney function, which requires close monitoring. The veterinarian may temporarily delay therapy while the kidneys recover from the injury.

Ketoconazole given orally twice a day has been effective against blastomycosis. Although it may take 10-14 days to see clinical improvement with this drug, it may be useful in a dog with poor kidney function and a mild form of the disease. Given alone, ketoconazole has a lower cure rate than amphotericin, but when given together, the two drugs work synergistically, allowing veterinarians to use lower doses of amphotericin and minimize the risk of kidney failure as well as promoting a more rapid and complete cure. The side effects of ketoconazole are related to liver toxicity and include anorexia, nausea, and vomiting. It can be

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harmful to pregnant dogs and may also affect the fertility of male dogs.

Itraconazole is the newest drug used to treat blastomycosis. It is given orally twice a day at first, then once daily for 60-90 days. Like amphotericin, it takes effect quickly, and has the same cure rate as the amphotericin-ketoconazole combination. The side effects are related to liver toxicity, like ketoconazole, with the addition of ulcerative skin lesions and swelling of the legs at the higher dose.

The biggest drawback to itraconazole is the cost, about \$10 per day for a 40-pound dog for the medication alone, about twice the cost of ketoconazole. Because these drugs are dosed on body weight, larger dogs will have comparably larger drug costs. Blood tests and other veterinary services must also be considered in the cost of treatment. Total fees of \$1000 or more would not be unusual. Blastomycosis is not generally considered a zoonotic disease, meaning one that is potentially contagious to people. If you have a pet with this infection, it indicates that you may be at risk for contracting the disease through a common environmental source such as contaminated soil near a waterway.

Since it is the mold form that releases infective spores through the air, you cannot get blastomycosis from the air around your dog who is infected with the yeast form of the fungus. Recent studies indicate some risk of exposure through penetrating wounds with sharp contaminated objects such as a sharp stick or a dog bite, so good safety and hygiene precautions are indicated. Needless to say, persons with deficient immune systems should not be handling infected dogs.

--By Kathleen R. Hutton  
DVM--

"Please watch your dog carefully. Question an open sore that's draining; a scrape can show blastomyces organisms. Question high fevers and a loss of appetite. X-rays can identify lung problems, but tracheal fluid is where blastomyces organisms will be found. Insist that your veterinary rule out blastomycosis if the diagnosis is pneumonia. Question limping or reaction to touch as if it hurts. Palpitations or x-rays will identify blastomycosis in bones. Remember, BLOOD TESTS MAY BE VERY NORMAL; and while you've waited for blood results, you have fallen behind in the blastomycosis race with time." From Retriever Field Trial News 12/86

**Waggin' Tales****OLD WAGGIN' TALES**

From the March 1967 issue of Waggin' Tales:

We received from Dorothy Dimond a copy of National Obedience Magazine, "Dog Training News", February 1948, published by Alma Rosser (Mrs. AKC of 1966). On one page was list of officers for FVDTC for 1948:

President, Mrs. L.A. Comstock  
Vice Pres, Mrs. Wendell Dimond  
Secretary, Mrs. A.F. Donat  
Treasurer, Miss Helen Modine  
Pub. Dir., Mrs. E.L. Wilson  
Note: All women but one are from Woodland Ave. in Batavia!

One another page we see that training nights were Thursday and Friday nights and following is an account of one of our first graduations. Notice the size of the crowd.

"Fox Valley's first official training class was climaxed by an Exhibition Match, with Oscar Franzen presiding as judge and Master of Ceremonies. An audience of over 500 persons watched performances on four special classes: Junior (child trainers), puppy (dogs under 1 yr), beginners and advanced."

*Editor's note:* I've never seen 500 people at training, much less to watch graduation!

# COME ONE - COME ALL

Teacher's Meeting  
Saturday, March 22, 7:00pm

## Topic: Motivational Techniques for Dog & Handler

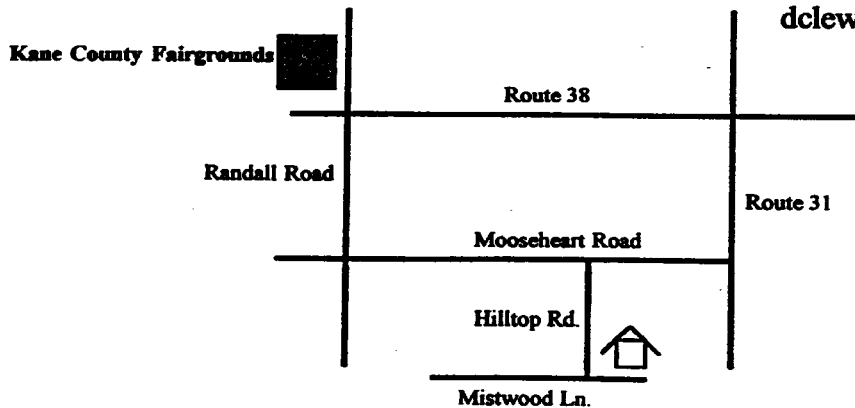
### Who's Invited??

Anyone who wants to Learn or Share Their Experiences

- Current Instructors
- Future Instructors
- Past Instructors
- Long-time Trainers
- New Members

### Where Are We Going?

Cheryl Lewis  
232 Mistwood Ln  
North Aurora  
(630) 897-4267  
dclewis@interaccess.com



PLEASE  
BRING SOME FRESH FOOD TO EAT  
(DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED)

*Board Meeting Highlights  
February 5, 1997*

Meeting brought to order at 7:38 p.m.

The December meeting minutes were approved as published. Several items of correspondence read.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) was not in attendance. Requested the board's approval to loan our equipment to the Anderson Animal Shelter for the Dog Expo. Peggy Sue Seehafer made a motion to allow Anderson Animal Shelter to use our equipment, the motion was seconded by Rick Cox and approved by members present.

Cindy requested the limit of time available at the March membership meeting for a program. It will be recommended to Cindy that the program be kept between 15 and 30 minutes.

Penny Legner (Treasurer) reported that one Certificate of Deposit has been renewed for another 6 months. It will come due in July.

Penny also reported that our current insurance policy expires in February. She is investigating whether the policy contains a Directors and Officer Rider and a Good Samaritan clause. The D & O rider would protect the Directors and Officers of the board. She is awaiting a return call from the insurance agent to determine the status of these items. If they are not currently a part of the policy, she will discuss adding them to the insurance policy.

Penny is investigating an invoice that Car-Dun-Al submitted for \$200.00. Penny currently does

not have any specific information regarding what the invoice is for.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) has determined a training schedule for the year to be published in a club calendar. The assumption was made that we will offer one Puppy class at 7:00 p.m. and one Beginner's class at 7:00 and one at 8:00 p.m.. If there is an interest and enough students, a 9:00 p.m. Beginner's class will be offered.

Cheryl also reported an incident occurred during the second week of the Puppy class. A boy was slightly injured when he bent over to pet a dog and the dog lifted his head at the same time. A nurse, who is a student in the class, looked at the injury. Cheryl believed that the child was going to be brought to the Emergency Room. Judy Anderson recommended that a copy of the emergency room report is obtained from the child's parents. Judy announced that the statute of limitations for discovery of an injury is the child age 21. Until then, a lawsuit relating to the injury may be filed. Taffy reminded the board members that the Puppy and Beginners class applications does include a Waiver which must be signed. As a result of the incident, a new first aid kit was purchased.

Cheryl also announced that she will be organizing a get-together for current instructors and any other club members interested in attending. They would be scheduled every 2 or 3 months, possibly on a Saturday night. The agenda would include socialization and an idea exchange/discussion of a specific topic - i.e. how to motivate the dog and/or students. The first

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get-together will be scheduled for March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Cheryl and Dave Lewis' new house.

Cheryl is developing a new building configuration for each new 10 week session of classes. This is being done to offer a variety of environments for the trainers. This is not an easy project given the restrictions of the minimum ring size of 35 x 50 for the Utility practice rings and the building size. The ring changes would only change at the start of the Beginners and Puppy classes, not during the sessions. Cheryl and Carolyn are working on getting this published for the year. Rick Cox volunteered to lay out the building and rings in a computer aided design (CAD) drawing for training nights and for the trial ring layout, which must be submitted to AKC prior to our trial.

Rick Cox (Assistant Director of Training) reported that he is working on developing a set of goals for the students in the Advanced Beginners class. These goals will assist the students and instructors know when students are ready to continue to the Novice Ring-Ready Class. Rick will poll some of the instructors to determine some common goals. This evaluation could possibly be done at the same time as the Beginner's class graduations.

The question of scheduling CGC tests was asked. None are currently scheduled. They will be scheduled and added to the club's Calendar of Events and published.

It is the club's policy that Puppy classes are not held during correction clinics. If this policy

is adhered to during session #2, there will not be enough calendar weeks to have 8 classes. Taffy Wille, instructor for the Puppy class, will determine which correction clinic the Puppy class will be held, either March 20th, April 24th or May 15th.

Will Short (Trial Chairperson) announced the judges panel for the 1997 Trial (see below).

Class	Judge	Entry Limit
Novice A & B	- Cindy Pisceke	64
Open A	- Robin Comp-Zelles	56
Open B	- Kent Delaney	56
Utility A	- James Ham	48
Utility B	- Edward Haas	48

This panel has not yet been approved by AKC. The first entry will be \$18.00, the second entry of the same dog will be \$12.00. We will NOT be using the Trade building. Car-Dun-Al and Fox Valley will be renting only the Main building. The entries will be limited (see below). A list of the committee chairpeople is below. Anyone wishing to replace the "Unknowns", should see Will Short. Anyone wishing to assist any of the chairpeople listed, should see them. All workers will receive work credits and their assistance will be greatly appreciated by the chairpeople.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that she is waiting to receive the paperwork from AKC which needs to be completed and submitted to AKC.

Kay Weber (Waggin' Tales Editor) has submitted a list of the newsletter's deadlines. She has volunteered to keep track of e-mail addresses for board members and any other members who wishes to provide her with them.

Peggy Sue Seehafer (Graduation Chairperson) is accepting old trophies from members for graduations. She is also accepting volunteers for judges for the graduations on:

- Tuesday - March 4th
- Thursday - May 15th
- Thursday - August 7th
- Tuesday - October 14th
- Tuesday - December 23rd

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) has received the membership database from Taffy Wille. A discussion took place regarding the difficulty of tracking the number of guest training times when a membership application is submitted.

1997 Trial Committee Chairpeople

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Booth	- Bill Clark	Grounds	- unknown
Catalog ads	- Taffy Wille	Hospitality	- Carolyn Pearson
Chief Ring Steward	- Mike Kovacevich	Kitchen	- Susan Yee (yummmm!)
Clean-Up	- unknown	Signs	- Bev and Bob Nicholson
Equipment	- Ed Herdes	Trophy	- Helen Castellanos

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Apparently, guest trainers were not being told to keep their receipts from their guest training fees. She would like to create a new membership application which would include space to include the guest training dates. This section would include space for either a board member's signature, the club member sitting at the front table or class instructors signature. She will create a rough draft to be presented at the April board meeting.

The following are some of the other ideas of easing this bookkeeping nightmare that were also discussed:

- Peggy Sue Seehafer suggested that we use the club's business cards, date and signed (by the individuals listed above) five times.
- Offer the opportunity of prepaying the 5 guest training fees, possibly with a slight reduction of price.

Judy will develop a proposal to be presented to the board for April board meeting.

Judy would like to create a list of club members who would be willing to be a mentor to new applicants.

When applications are submitted during the year, the prorated amount is \$7.50 per month.

Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) received the information for the Anderson Animal Shelter Dog Expo. In the past, the club has exchanged the use our equipment for a booth during the expo.

The Dog Expo will be on April 19th, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on April 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Tracey will coordinate efforts with Cindy Pakenas. Volunteers to work in the booth will be requested, work credits of 1 credit for 1/2 day of work will be offered.

Tracey still needs more pictures from club members for the club's display boards that are used at demonstrations. Any one submitting a picture, should put the following information on the back of the photo: a) Your name, b) Dog's name, c) What is happening in the picture.

**Director at Large** - Judy Anderson made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Wally O'Brien after his signature is obtained. Will Short seconded the motion, all members present approved.

#### Old Business

Equipment Rental Letter to Car-Dun-Al to be reviewed. Will Short recommended that this policy not be acted on at this time. He felt that it would be in the club's best interest to reestablish a good working relationship with Car-Dun-Al. Taffy Wille had spoken with Jean Munger, Car-Dun-Al's Trial Secretary, and briefly discussed the security deposit, per the Host Letter, and rent for the equipment. Jean explained that the agreement between the two clubs allowed the use of our equipment in exchange for the setting up of the trial site. Will Short made a motion that FVDTC not send the letter dated January 28th. The motion was seconded by Peggy Sue Seehafer and approved by all members present.

- Trial Agreement/Host Letter was discussed. Rick Cox made a motion that the third bullet regarding the equipment damage deposit be modified to remove the first and third statement and add the following statement: "The equipment loaned to Car-Dun-Al by FVDTC is to be returned in a condition that meets with the satisfaction of Trial Equipment Chairperson. Any equipment that is damaged must be repaired or replaced within 60 days following the Car-Dun-Al trial." The motion was seconded by Will Short and approved by all members present.

#### New Business

- Membership voting procedures - The current membership voting policy was discussed. It is currently defined as:
  1. A list of new applications will be published in Waggin Tales
  2. Objections from current members should be written and sent to (cannot be anonymous) or a call may be made to any board member. The objections will be kept confidential.
  3. Any objections should be sent to the board within 10 days of the Waggin' Tail's publications.
  4. It will be responsibility of the board member receiving the letter or call to contact the rest of the board.
  5. If there are no objections, the final list will be brought to

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the next membership meeting for final approval.

6. The applicant(s) will be asked to adjourn to another area in the building during the voting.
7. Denials will receive a letter from the board without any specific reason listed.

Judy Anderson made a motion to amend the policy by eliminating item number 1. The motion was seconded by Peggy Sue Seehafer and approved by all members present.

Emergency Procedures (Canceling classes or training) - The discussion on the creation of this policy was tabled until the April board meeting. Prior to the April meeting, Cheryl Lewis will investigate the possibility of having an announcement made on the local radio stations.

Guest Training Parameters - This discussion involved the privileges of a non-member who has paid the guest training fee to use the building. Specifically, does this privilege include assisting another non-member in the training of a dog. After a discussion, it was decided that nothing will be done - as long as this does not interfere with any club member's training.

- Match Fees - A proposal was presented to the board by Linda Benson and Suzan Scott for review. A motion was made by Taffy Wille to accept the proposal as presented. The motion was seconded by Will Short and approved by all members present. A copy of the



proposal is printed in the March Waggin' Tales.

Budgets for Committees - A brief discussion regarding providing committee chairpeople with a budget for 1997. Penny Legner will supply all committee chairpeople with their committee's expenses for the past two years. Once the chairpeople have an opportunity to review the financial history, they will be asked to provide the board with suggested expenditures for 1997. The board will review those expenditures with respect to spending ability of the club.

- Front & Finish Centerfold Ad - Jean Ayre has researched the cost of the annually printed centerfold ad. The cost is \$450.00 (\$600.00 less a 25% discount). The photo set-up fee is \$8.00 per photo, no charge for text. The typesetting fee is \$70.00.

Jean submitted four options to the board to request approval. The four options are listed below:

1. The club pays \$8.00 for each photo printed. Anyone wanting a picture in the ad must have the photo taken on a date (to be announced).
2. The club pays \$3.00 and the club member pays \$5.00 for each photo printed. Individuals may join together and divide the cost between them for a group picture in the ad. The group photo must be organized by the individuals, it will not be done the Publicity chairperson.

3. Print categories of photos (to be determined by the board). For example, all Novice title holders or all Shelties receiving titles during the year. All individuals are photographed at one time in one picture and the club pays for it all.
4. All categories are done as group shots, on a pre-announced day.

Each option was discussed by the board. A motion was made by Will Short to change option 1 to read "The club member pays \$8.00 ..." and added the recommendation that "Any individual not present for or wishing to pay for the photo will have a text listing in the ad at no charge." The motion was seconded by Peggy Sue Seehafer and approved by all members present.

To reiterate:

- The \$8.00 set-up fee for photos in the ad will be paid by the club members.
- The date for the taking the pictures will be announced by Jean Ayre.
- Club members not wishing to pay the fee, or who do not wish to have a picture published, may submit their accomplishments to Jean Ayre, to be included in the text portion of the ad.
- Jean Ayre will provide a sample of the camera-ready text to Front & Finish to

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determine if the \$70.00 typesetting fee would be unnecessary.

- Individuals may join together and divide the cost between them for a group picture in the ad.
- Any group photos must be organized by the individuals, not the Publicity chairperson.

Jean is also asking for volunteers to assist her with the proofreading of the copy prior to submission.

AKC Emergency Procedure Review - AKC has sent another memo (dated January 13th) regarding the "Emergency Care at Events" policies, those policies were printed in the December 1996 issue of Waggin' Tales. In this new letter, nothing is specifically stated regarding Obedience Trials or Tracking Tests. A request for further information will be sent to AKC.

It was suggested that board members that are at training be identifiable to individuals training. Judy Anderson volunteered to make buttons for the board members to wear. She will try to include the club emblem, the first name and board position. This will assist any guest trainers in locating "some one to talk to".

- Voted for the Sally Compton Outstanding Service to the Club Award.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m..

1040 Northfield Drive  
Aurora, IL 60505  
January 22, 1997

Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.  
PO Box 992  
St. Charles, IL 60174

FVDT Board of Directors:

To increase the number of non-member entries in our monthly correction matches and to facilitate entry coordination on match night, we ask that you consider the following two proposals:

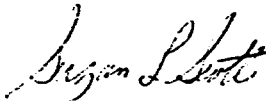
- I. Change the entry fee for non-members from \$6.00 for each entry to \$6.00 for the first entry and \$4.00 for the second entry of the same dog. This would bring our entry fees more in line with the rest of the clubs in the area.
- II. Allow non-members to pre-enter our matches with the caveat that FVDT members would still receive priority with respect to both entering the match and to scheduling in the individual classes.

We feel that the implementation of the above proposals would increase the number of match entries from non-members enough to off-set the \$2.00 loss on the second entry of the same dog while enabling us to better determine the number of judges and stewards needed for a given match. Over time as more non-members pre-enter, we anticipate being able to decrease the number of members needed to take gate entries on match night from three to one.

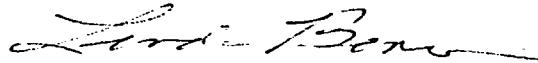
If you concur with these changes and your approval is all that is required, we would like to implement them for the February, 1997 match. If membership approval is needed, we would like to make the request at the March membership meeting with implementation at the March match if approved.

Your consideration of these proposals is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Suzan Scott  
Match Co-Chairperson -  
Pre-entries



Linda Benson  
Match Co-Chairperson -  
Match Night Coordinator

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## Awards Banquet

The awards banquet was held on March 8 at Fisherman's Inn.

The awards presented were to those members who attained a title in 1996 and applied to the awards committee for the award.

Fox Valley Awards given for 1996 were:

### AKC Titles

Companion Dog	9
Companion Dog Excellent	8
Utility Dog	7
Utility Dog Excellent	4
Tracking Dog	2
Bench Champion	2
Novice Agility	2
Open Agility	1
Agility Excellent	1
Master Agility	1

### Canadian Titles

Companion Dog	7
Companion Dog Excellent	3
Utility Dog	2

### Dog World Awards

Ronnie Bizer and Packer  
Loretta Lazzara and Trekkie

### Special Awards

#### High Qualifying Average Novice

Ronnie Bizer & Packer -197.12

#### High Qualifying Average Open

Mike Kovacevich & Gus-196.875

#### High Qualifying Average Utility

Ronnie Bizer & Packer - 192.54

#### Heather Memorial Award

Pam Legner & Ella - 187.5

#### Debbie Orr Memorial Award

Ronnie Bizer

### Founders Award

Ronnie Bizer & Packer -198.83

### Dorothy Dimond Memorial Trophy

Loretta Lazzara & Trekkie - 197.1

### Ed Kneip Memorial Award

Ronnie Bizer & Packer -393

### Kanosak Kennel Award

Tom Hamer & Champ - 189.5

### Sally Compton Outstanding

#### Service Award

Ed Herdes

#### Boner Award

Nancy Pederson

*Note:* For those of you who do not know who Ed Herdes is or why he deserves the Sally Compton Outstanding Service Award: Ed is the guy who sets up the equipment every week (the tooth fairy doesn't do that!) and takes care of all our equipment. Ed has Gordon Setters (which I recently heard describes as 'black Irish setters'). You may have noticed he recently painted the jumps! Ed also helps out at the trial, the tracking events and everywhere else he is needed. He may be the "behind the scenes" man, but we couldn't do without him! Thank you, Ed!

### FRONT & FINISH PICTURES

Front And Finish" pictures will be taken on 2 nights: Thursday, March 27 and Thursday, April 3. The Jean Airey will be at training from 6:30 - 8:00 (P.M.) Photos will be taken in the "little room." These photos are for any club member and dog(s) who have gotten a title in 1996. Jean will have a sign up sheet. The cost for the photograph is \$8.00. As many dogs and handlers as you like can be in one picture. If you are planning a group photo, you must

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make sure everyone is there at the same time. Jean will ask for \$8.00 (check or exact change, please) before the picture is taken.

You will get the photo after Front and Finish returns them to us. If you would like the photo mailed to you, please give the Jean a SASE at the time the picture is taken.

## **HELP!**

We are in need of Tracking Secretary for the Fall 1997 tracking test. The duties of the tracking secretary include: Correspondence with the AKC, arranging for judges, handling entires, catalog, trophies, hospitality and volunteer efforts on the day of the test as well as the day before. A more detailed list is available to anyone who might be interested.

This position is a board position, so this person would need to attend board meetings. Also, the membership fees are waived for board members, and only training fees would be required, if the person chooses to be a training member.

The tracking secretary does not need to know how to do tracking or have any tracking experience. This is a chance to help out the club in a much needed position anperhaps learn about another area of obedience. The tracking tests are one area where the club has little overhead and is able to make a profit. If we do not have a volunteer to be the tracking secretary the future of our tracking tests are in jeopardy. Fox Valley was one of the first clubs in the area to offer tracking tests and we would hate to lose this long time tradition. This is your opportunity to help out your club, even if there is "nothing in it" for you. Please call Cindy Pakenas at (630) 377-6250 if you would like to help us out.

*Membership Meeting Highlights  
March 5, 1997*

Cindy Pakenas presented a program to get program ideas from the club members at the meeting. She used a "game" which created small teams of randomly selected members. Each team was asked to brainstorm about ideas that would make interesting programs at future meetings.

Meeting brought to order at 8:20 p.m.

Secretary - Carolyn Pearson  
The January Meeting Minutes were approved as read without corrections. Several items of correspondence were read.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) reported that the Graduation for session #1 was held last evening, March 4th. Thanks to all the judges and their helpers. The 9:00 p.m. Beginners class did very well. The next session begins on March 13th. Cheryl sent around sign-up sheet for members who are interested in becoming instructors or assistants for the remainder of the year. A Puppy class will be at 7:00 p.m. and Beginners classes at 7:00 and 8:00 p.m..

She introduced Gerry Erskine who took over as class coordinator for Doris Kneip. Puppy and Beginners class applications with the new information are in the gray box at the information table. Advertisements for the new classes will list Gerry's name and phone number. Cheryl thanked Doris for an excellent job she did as the class coordinator.

Cheryl announced that on March 22nd a Teacher's Meeting would be held at 7:00 p.m. at her house. It is open to ALL members in

addition to the instructors. She would especially like to invite experienced instructors for the round-table discussion of the topic "Motivational Techniques for Dog & Handler". She passed around a sign-up sheet for people who might be interested in attending. Drinks will be provided and any attending is asked to bring finger food.

The April 24th Correction Clinic has been tentatively set up as the next CGC test. She sent a sign-up sheet around to determine the club members who might be interested in taking the CGC test. The CGC test will be open to club members and non-club members.

She explained that the ring layout will be moved at each new session that start on March 13th, May 20th, August 14th and October 23rd. A large drawing of the next ring layout was posted on the door at training. The layout includes the times and locations of the classes.

Linda Benson asked for an assistant for her 8:00 p.m. Open class. Wally O'Brien encouraged any one who ever had considered instructing or assisting to sign-up, this is probably is the best way to learn a lot about dog training.

Rick Cox (Assistant Director of Training) reported that he is putting together a list of goals for all level of classes. A checklist will be created to assist the students and instructors know when students are ready to continue to the next level of classes, if the students wish to continue. Rick will poll some of the instructors to determine some common goals.

Taffy Wille (Trial Secretary) reported that trial information will be published in the next Waggin' Tales.

Kay Weber (Waggin' Tails Editor) stated that the next deadline is March 10th.

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) is at home recovering from recent shoulder surgery. She sent her report with Cheryl Lewis. Linda Benson made a mention to waive the publication requirement, seconded by Ronnie Bizer and approved by all members present. Cheryl read a list of 8 new applications. Four of the applicants were present at the meeting.

A brief discussion followed the reading of the list, regarding whether three of the applicants had actually fulfilled the requirements with the puppy class. The current policy states "five guest training or attend beginners class", however the by-laws states "pay the trial period training fee and their dog having attended at least 50% of the classes during the trial period". The wording in the by-laws caused some confusion. At the conclusion of the discussion, Wally O'Brien made a motion to waive the standing rule for these applications, Sandy Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all members present, with 1 opposing vote.

The applicants were then asked to leave the room. Ronnie Bizer made a motion to accept the list as read, the motion was seconded and approved by all members present. Welcome to our new members (sorry about the bit of confusion).



Tracey Mohr (Public Education Liaison) left her report with Carolyn Pearson. Tracey is looking for volunteers to help man the club's booth at the Anderson Animal Shelter's Dog Expo. A sheet was sent around for club members to sign-up for hour long time slots on April 19th (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and April 20th (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Help with the set-up and tear-down is also needed. More information will be published in the next Waggin' Tales.

Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson) announced that stewards are needed for the March 20th Correction clinic. Two stewards are needed for Open A and one for Utility B.

Demonstrations - need a volunteer

Ginger Romano (Librarian) announced that the following books and video tapes are "missing in action". She asked that members to please check shelves, nooks and crannies for any books that might belong to the club. One book in particular, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, which was on loan from the personal library of a club member, is missing now.

#### Books

Play Training Your Dog  
Civilized City Canines, by Evans

The Pekinese

People Pooches & Problems, by Evans  
Dog Problems, by Benjamin  
Chesapeake Bay Retriever, by  
Stan Henschel

Nancy Pederson (Historian) asked that if any club members see information about the club in other publications, please cut it out and give to her.

Statistician Chairperson - This position is open at this time. Any one who wishes to fill this position, should see Taffy Wille or Carolyn Pearson.

Linda Benson/Ronnie Bizer/Shirley Short/Will Short/Taffy Wille (Awards Dinner Chairpeople). Ronnie reported that a total of 61 people have signed up for the March 8th Awards Dinner at Fisherman's Inn in Elburn. The cash bar is open from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with dinner starting at 7:30 p.m. The awards presentation will follow the dinner.

Tracking Secretary - The Spring Tracking test will be on March 16th. Following the test, Gail O'Brien has resigned her position at Tracking Secretary. In order to hold our Fall Tracking test in September, a Tracking Secretary will need to be found very quickly. The application is due to AKC in two weeks. Taffy Wille has a copy of the judging book and a list of the activities necessary to hold a tracking test.

#### Video Tapes

Sirius Puppy Train By Dunbar,  
Competitive Obedience, by  
Silverton  
Competitive Obedience Open,  
by Cathy Thompson

Wally O'Brien made a motion that the fall tracking test be canceled. No one seconded the motion, the motion died.

No volunteers were obtained at the meeting. It was recommended that the tracking members of the club

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search for an individual experienced in tracking to act as the tracking secretary. Taffy Wille had originally volunteered to fill out and submit the paperwork, but discovered that she was unable to respond to the questions with the experience that she felt is necessary.

**Monthly Dollar Bucket** - The winner of \$6.00 is Terry Sidell, as drawn by Kelsey Kovacevich.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business**

- New Membership Voting Procedures - The following are the current procedures for voting for member application:
  1. A list of new applications will be published in Waggin Tales (This item is to be deleted - did not provide for a quick enough turn-around time)
  2. Objections from current members should be written and sent to (cannot be anonymous) or a call may be made to any board member. The objections will be kept confidential.
  3. Any objections should be sent to the board within 10 days of the Waggin' Tail's publications.
  4. It will be responsibility of the board member receiving the letter or call to contact the rest of the board.
  5. If there are no objections, the final list will be brought to the next membership meeting for final approval.
  6. The applicant(s) will be asked to adjourn to another area in the building during the voting.
  7. Denials will receive a letter from the board

Jean Airey (Publicity) was not in attendance. An article was published in the Aurora Beacon. If any club members see information about the club in other publications, please let her know.

- During the February Board meeting, it was recommended that the first item be eliminated. It was felt that this step adds too much time to the process of voting for new members. This recommendation was made to the membership present at the meeting. Ed Herdes made a motion to eliminate step #1, the motion was seconded by Ronnie Bizer. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of the elimination of the step. Wally O'Brien reminded the members that the reason that these procedures were originally developed were to protect the club from applicants who would not be a positive asset to the club or the obedience world. Gerry Erskine recommended that the rule change be announced to all club members (here it is folks). Following the discussion the motion was approved by all members present. Guest Training Parameters - Drew read the following statement This discussion involved the privileges of a non-member who

has paid the guest training fee to use the building.

Specifically, does this privilege include assisting another non-member in the training of a dog. After a discussion, it was decided that nothing will be done - as long this does not interfere with any club member's training.

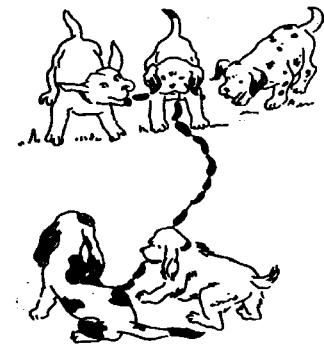
Wally O'Brien has witnessed this situation approximately half of the past 12 weeks. The individuals involved in this situation do not spend more than 15 to 30 minutes working in a open ring. Other individuals have used the ring simultaneously. Joan Payne stated that as long they do not interfere with club members training, the short amount of time is acceptable. Should the situation escalate into something that is a nuisance to the club members, the Director of Training and the Assistant Director of Training has the right to remove them. Match Fees - It was announced that pre-entries for correction clinics will be accepted from non-members as well as

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members. A letter explaining the policies will be published in the March Waggin' Tales.

- Front & Finish "Centerfold" Ad - Several alternatives were discussed at the February board meeting regarding the payment of the annual ad placed in the Front & Finish newspaper. The following alternative was chosen. It is very similar to the way it was done last year.
  - The \$8.00 set-up fee for photos in the ad will be paid by the club members.
  - Club members not wishing to pay the fee, or who do not wish to have a picture published, may submit their accomplishments to Jean Airey, to be included in the text portion of the ad.
  - Individuals may join together and divide the cost between them for a group picture in the ad. Any group photos must be organized by the individuals, not the Publicity chairperson.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m..



# Fox Valley Dog Training Club Calendar of Events

Effective January 1, 1997

<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Special Events</i>
<b>January</b>	2	Thursday	Regular Training	Start #1	
	8	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	9	Thursday	Regular Training		
	16	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	23	Thursday	Regular Training		
	30	Thursday	Regular Training		
<b>February</b>	5	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	6	Thursday	Regular Training		
	13	Thursday	Regular Training		
	20	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	27	Thursday	Regular Training		
<b>March</b>	4	Tuesday	Regular Training	Graduation #1	
	5	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	8	Saturday			Awards Dinner
	10	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	13	Thursday	Regular Training	Start #2	
	20	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	27	Thursday	Regular Training		
<b>April</b>	2	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	3	Thursday	Regular Training		
	10	Thursday	Regular Training		
	15	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	24	Thursday	Correction Clinic		
	28	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
<b>May</b>	1	Thursday	Regular Training		
	7	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	8	Thursday	Regular Training		
	15	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Graduation #2	
	20	Tuesday	Regular Training	Start #3	
	29	Thursday	Regular Training		
<b>June</b>	4	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	5	Thursday	Regular Training		
	9	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	10	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	19	Thursday	Sanctioned Match	NO Classes	
	26	Thursday	Regular Training		

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KATIE

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DOBERMAN

KOZLOWSKI  
5N081 BLACK WILLOW DRIVE  
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DOBERMAN

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630-879-8193

JACK RUSSEL TERRIER

Cohrs  
505 NW 1st St.  
Casey, IL 62420

Harriet



## **Wanted: Feedback**

I am currently considering adding some more materials to the club's library. If you have any knowledge or opinions regarding any of the following videos or books, please contact me at (630) 231-5138. I would appreciate your feedback.

Thanks,  
Ginger Romano  
Librarian

### Videos Titles

Aggression  
anything - suggestions??

### Authors

John Rogerson  
Ian Dunbar

### Books Titles

Agility Training  
anything - suggestions??  
anything - suggestions??  
Breeding  
Flyball  
Holistic Guide for a Healthy Dog  
K-9 Structure & Terminology  
Open & Utility Training  
Search & Rescue Dogs  
Teaching Obedience Classes -  
Man for instructors  
The Canine Good Citizen  
Therapy Dogs  
Training & Explaining

### Authors

Simmons/Moake  
Dunbar  
Meisterfeld  
  
Volhard & Brown  
Gilbert & Brown  
Volhard & Volhard  
A.R.D.A.  
Volhard/Fisher  
  
Volhard  
  
Evans

## **Waggin' Tales** **SWEDISH DAYS** **PARADE**

The annual Swedish Days Parade in Geneva is scheduled for June 22. Fox Valley has an opportunity to march in this parade (free publicity!), but we need someone to coordinate these efforts. Some of the duties would be organizing the members and filling out the paperwork. If you are interested in this effort, please contact Taffy Wille at (630) 365-0423.

## **NEW CLASS** **COORDINATOR**

Gerry Erskine has volunteered to take over the coordination of the Puppy and Beginner Classes, the job which was previously held by Doris Kneip. If you need information about these classes or an application you can see Gerry at training (he doesn't train a dog - so he's hanging around watching Barb do all the work) or call him at (630) 289-9760 or voice mail (630) 632-6854. Thanks to Doris for all the years she handled this job!

### Tidbits:

Alice Larson sent these from the book Dog Love by Marjorie Garber.

Millie, the young Springer, is sitting beside me, head in my lap as I type, practicing the "spaniel gaze". At sixteen months she's already got it down. The spaniel heart is warm. The soft spaniel eye brims with love. If ever the world's diplomats and arms negotiators learn the spaniel gaze there will be peace on earth.

The eyes of a dog, the expression of a dog, the warmly wagging tail of a dog and the gloriously cold, damp nose of a dog were in my opinion all God-given for one purpose only - to make complete fools of us human beings.

**WE NEED YOU FOR THE  
DOG EXPO!!!!**

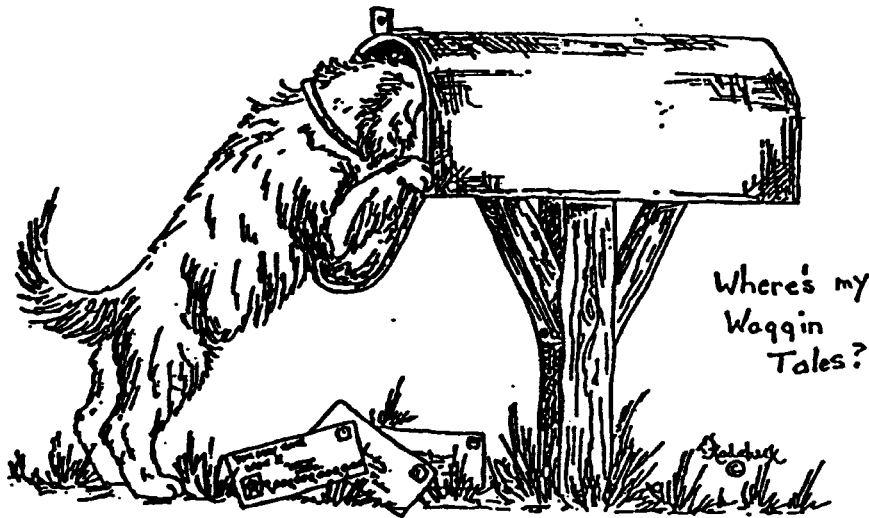
<p>sponsored by Anderson Animal Shelter</p>	<p>April 19 &amp; 20 Kane City, Fairgrounds.</p>
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Share your love of dogs  
with others!  
Volunteers are needed for  
the FVDTIC booth (one  
hour shifts) and for the  
obedience demonstration!

Call Tracey Mohr (630)377-7316 for booth  
sign up  
Call Toni Sikorcin (630)406-1555 for  
obedience demo

**Waggin' Tales**  
 Kay Weber  
 34W922 Chillem  
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Do you know who this is? Look inside "Legs and Brags" to find out!  
 Hint: He is 'related ' to at least 7 dogs in the club.



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